all eligible for the contributory Provident Fund and when they have retired they have taken the Government contribution. If they are to be given pension they must be asked to refund the amount they have taken which I don't think any of the subordinates would be willing for getting a pension of Rs. 5. In the face of what has stated I request that the cut motion may not be pressed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* If it is as stated by the Conservator I do not wish to press the motion. But still I request that the Government may be pleased to do something if possible.

Motion by leave withdrawn

Demand under 12-Forest and Tramway put and carried

25. Public Health Rs. 2,52,236

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an allotment of Rs. 2,52,236 under "25-Publice Health".

Cut Motion No. 34

Salary of Sanitary Inspectors and Vaccinators—revision of

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* To reduce the allotment of Rs. 35,935 for Public Health establishment by Re. 1.

സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടേയും വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാരുടേയും ശമ്പളത്തിൽ ഒരു പരിഷ്കരണം വരുത്തേണ്ട ആവശ്യകതയെ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have tabled a motion that the Sanitary Inspector's pay may be revised. Can I move it along with this.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടേയും, വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാരുടേയും ശമ്പളത്തിൽ ഒരു പരിഷ്കരണം വരുത്തേണ്ട ആവശ്യകതയെ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുവാനായിട്ടാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. ആദ്യം സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാക്ക് ൪൦ മുതൽ ൧൦൦ വരെയായിരുന്ന ശമ്പളം കൊടുത്തിരുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ അവരുടെ ശമ്പളം ൪൦ മുതൽ ൩൦ വരെ ആക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാക്ക് നട്ടപ്പോഴും പറിച്ചപ്പോഴും ഒന്നുംപോലെ എന്ന പറഞ്ഞമാതിരി അന്നും ഇന്നും ൨൫ക. തന്നെയാണു്. സ്ക്രീനിംഗ് പരീക്ഷ പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരാണു് ഇന്നത്തെ വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാരിൽ മിക്കപേരും. സ്ക്രീനിംഗ് പരീക്ഷ മാത്രം പാസ്സായി വെറും ഒരു ഉമസ്ഥനായ ഒരാൾക്കു് ൨൦ കൊല്ലത്തെ സർവ്വീസുണ്ടായാൽ ൧൦൦ക.വരെ കയറിപ്പോകുവാനുള്ള സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടു്. സ്ക്രീനിംഗ് പരീക്ഷ പാസ്സായി അഡീഷണലായി സാനിട്ടറി, എഞ്ചിനീയറിംഗ് മുതലായ വിഷയങ്ങളെല്ലാം പഠിച്ചു് പ്രത്യേക പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതകൂടി സമ്പാദിച്ചു് വരുന്ന ആളുകൾക്കു് ൩൦ക.ക്കുമേൽ പോകുവാൻ പാടില്ലെന്ന പറയുന്നതിന്റെ ഔചിത്യം മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. വെറുമൊരു സ്ക്രീനിംഗ് പരീക്ഷ പാസ്സായ ൨൦ കൊല്ലത്തെ സർവ്വീസുള്ള ഒരു ഉമസ്ഥനു് ൧൦൦ക.വരെ കയറാമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഒരു അഡീഷണൽ ക്വാളിഫിക്കേഷൻകൂടിയുള്ള ഒരു സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർക്കു് ൩൦ക.ക്കുമേൽ കയറാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു വെച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിന്റെ ഔചിത്യമെന്താണെന്നു് എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് പഴയരീതിയിൽതന്നെ അവർക്കു ടയിംസ്കെയിൽ വെച്ചു് ൧൦൦ക.വരെ കയറിപ്പോകുവാനുള്ള ഒരു സൌകര്യം, അതായതു് ൨൦ കൊല്ലത്തെ സർവ്വീസായ ഒരു ഉമസ്ഥനു് ഉള്ളതായ സൌകര്യം ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കണം. സാനിട്ടറി വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാക്കു് മുമ്പു് ൨൫ മുതൽ ൪൦ വരെയുള്ള ഗ്രേഡുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. സ്റ്റാഫ് സെലക്ഷൻ ബോർഡു നിയമമനുസരിച്ചു് ഇപ്പോൾ വാക്സിനേഷൻ ട്രെയിനിംഗ്കൂടി കഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അവർക്കു് ൨൫ക.യിൽനിന്നു് ഒരു പൈപോലും മേല്പോട്ടു കയറിപ്പോകുവാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തവിധമാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നതു് വളരെ മോശമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു സംഗതിയാണു്. അതിലും ഒരു ഔചിത്യം ഞാൻ കാണുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെ ശമ്പളം ൧൦൦ക.വരെ കയറിപ്പോകുവാനുള്ള തരത്തിലും വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാക്കു് ൨൫ മുതൽ ൪൦വരെയുള്ള ശമ്പളം കിട്ടത്തക്കതരത്തിലും ഉള്ള പരിഷ്കരണം വരുത്തേണ്ടതാണെന്നപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും, ഇതു് ഈ നിയമസഭ സർവ്വസമ്മതമായി പാസ്സാക്കുമെന്നുള്ള പ്രതീക്ഷയോടുകൂടിയും ഞാൻ ഈ നിയമസഭയുടെ അംഗീകരണത്തിനായി ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I second the motion. In addition to what my Hon'ble friend the Member for Mukundapuram-Ezhuvas has already stated before this House, I also beg

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leave to submit that the salary given in British India to officers of the same status and qualification goes up to even Rs. 200. Any way the Government would do well to find out the actual grades of pay given to the Health Inspectors who are after all Sanitary Inspectors and no body else; I mean in the Madras Provinces and outside. These officers have to retire practically on Rs. 60 with the additional qualification they have secured and also to the risks of epidemics they are being subjected to. This is a work doing the greatest possible social service and at the time when human life is at risk. The lives of the Sanitary Inspectors are exposed to great risk, so I request the Government should be pleased to consider their hard lot and revise their salary at least to the extent which was given previously before the reduction of salary was brought about. In addition to all that, these Sanitary Inspectors are also entrusted with the inspection of village panchayats and collection of license fees and profession tax and other things which in British India Health Inspectors need not do. Large areas of the revenue firkah which they have to tour and the work they do therein is sufficiently big and the pay given is not commensurate with the work they turn out. With these few words I support the motion.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The question of revising the salary of the Sanitary Inspectors and vaccinators is engaging the attention of the Government and something will be done very soon. I am anticipating cut motion No. 3. Regarding cut motion No. 3 also I may explain that the question is engaging the attention of the Government—the question of revising the pay of midwives also.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ : ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിനു° അനുകൂലമായ മറുപടി കിട്ടിയതുകൊണ്ടു° ഈ നിയമസഭയുടെ അനുവാദത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ പിൻവലിക്കുന്നു.

Cut Motion by leave withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 35

Mosquito attack in Ernakulam and Mattancheri

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: To reduce the allotment of Rs. 65,001 for anti-malarial operations by Re. 1 *to point out that the mosquitoes in Ernakulam and Mattancheri are intensifying their attack of civilian population.*

Some 5 or 6 years ago I have been moving cut motions and resolutions regarding mosquitoes. I even requested the Government to declare a war against mosquitoes. There was a motion for that and I believe after that there was some relief. For sometime last year onwards they became vociferous and violent. We cannot sleep at night or do anything. The Hon'ble Minister is residing in a place where there are slump areas. I need not inform the Hon'ble Minster how great is the nuisance caused. The Hon'ble Member for Mattancheri says that Koovapadam is a slump area There are very many mar shy and slump areas. Unless they are cleared up and proper drainage is provided there will be no end of mosquitoes. I do not know whether this is included in the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme. During the time of Sir Shanmukham we had a very best scheme for drainage, for pumping the excess water to foul and marshy areas. If that scheme is adopted the people of Ernakulam and Mattancheri would be benefitted and the Members of the Legislative Council when they come here can spend peaceful nights without hearing the music of these masquitoes. With these words I commend the motion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I also rise to support the motion. I would just remark that this nuisance has become terrible and not only is the civilian population is exposed to it but even the military population that is increasing are also exposed to greater danger. Mosquitoes bite both at night and during day. They do not choose their time and I therefore suggest that something must be got done to save the people. So many things have been suggested to get rid of the mosquito nuisance. If nothing else can be done the department would do well to provide all the people in the land with mosquito curtains, so that once for all instead of spending your money in various directions for catching mosquitoes, spraying medicines for killing them and for the appointment of the staff, if the Government make a grant and give all these poor people a mosquito curtain, in kind but not in money, that will be a good remedy and it will be a useful grant to the people. Money that is being utilised in mosquito curtains is to prevent the mosquitoes from getting at the human bodies. The other thing is curative. With that suggestion I resume my seat.

Mr. M. Nanu Menon *(Ernakulam)*: Sir, this question can be tackled only with regard to the major question that has to be taken up in the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme, that is drainage

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scheme and when that question is taken up both in Ernakulam and Mattancheri there will be no further mosquito question in the Council.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : As suggested by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi perhaps it is due to the raging of war against mosquitoes that the mosquitoes are intensifying their attack on civilian population. We have already raged war in these two municipalities. The Public Health Department is doing some work. They are carrying out anti-mosquito work. I cannot say it is perfect. They are spraying some medicines for killing the mosquitoes. We appointed a staff for the purpose and I am sure that it is not everything that could be done. As the Chairman of the Ernakulam Municipality stated it depends upon the drainage scheme also. I do not think that the Koovapadam Scheme and the other drainage scheme can be taken up immediately. We have to wait for the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme and I along with that hope to get rid of this nuisance from Mattancheri and Ernakulam.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Military authorities will not take up this question in view of the great menace so that the Military Department may be able to supply the medicine required and they also be requested to contribute a share.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Military authorities have not included Ernakulam and Mattancheri within their jurisdiction. They have of course included Willingdon Island.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Cannot Government impress them that mosquitoes can fly from Ernakulam and Mattancheri to Willingdon Island ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Military authorities also have got expert knowledge, that mosquitoes will not fly such great distance *(laughter)*.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: The Hon'ble Minister has said something is being done for the drainage of stagnant water. I shall read the scheme if necessary. It does not touch the fringe of the problem. It is a very huge work to be undertaken under the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme. I request that Government would not forget the scheme. With these I may be allowed to withdraw.

Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut motion No. 5 standing in the name of Mr. A. Eachara Menon not moved.

Short notice motion on the sudden fall of the price of arecanuts

Mr. President: There is Mr. Iyyu's Short notice motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: This is to bring to the notice of the Government and this House the sudden fall of the price of arecanuts within the last 4 or 5 days.

Mr. President: Will the Hon'ble Member satisfy me that the question arises in the Public Health Department ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Arecanut market and arecanut curing happen to be subjects connected with Public Health and Public Health Department gives license for curing and marketing. There are big markets in our State both in Trichur and Vadakkancheri and curing is done in a large scale in Keecheri, Pazhanji and several other places. In Talappalli and Trichur taluks there are also facilities for curing and Public Health Department also knows that. In the Mukundapuram Taluk also large areas are cultivated. Prices have come down from 42 to Rs. 18 and Rs. 20.

Mr. Prisident: Order, order I dont think that the Public Health Department can be held responsible for the fall in th the price of arecanut. They merely control the conditions of the markets in which the stuff is sold. I am afraid the Hon'ble Member is not in order if he is referring only to the prices.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Marketing is practically a business of the Public Health Department. If the arecanuts are brought to the market it must go to the railway train. There should be transport facilities. Short of getting transport facilities of the railway authorities arecanuts could not be sent and it is a matter for an adjournment motion. But I do not want an adjournment motion, I just want to bring this to the notice of the Government.

Mr. President: I am afraid that the Hon'ble Member is not in order. If he had raised this matter when the Supplies Department budget was being discussed I would have allowed him. I am afraid I cannot reconcile the level of the prices of arecanut with the Public Health Department.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: The information was received only after the Supplies Department budget was discussed.

Mr. President: That is the Hon'ble Member's misfortune. The discussion must cease.

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